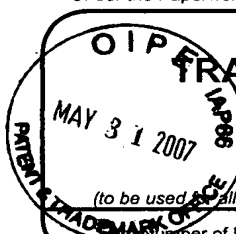


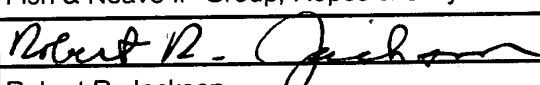
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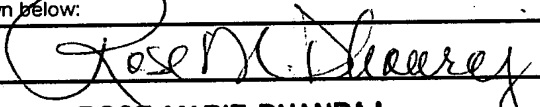
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This Reply is submitted in response to the March 7, 2007 Office Action on the above-captioned patent application. Reconsideration of this application in light of this Reply is respectfully requested.

I. Clarification Regarding Inventors

The Examiner has requested applicants to provide clarification as to which inventors contributed to the claims of the present application.